

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: imgcache.0_embedded_413

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000036.039

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 06 April 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 06 April 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a mildly sexualised colourful cartoon illustration depicting a group of boys, three of whom are naked, standing near a coconut palm. The Classification Office has considered whether the image promotes or supports, or tends to promote or support, the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and has concluded that it does not. The colourful cartoon format, the simplicity of the imagery, the lack of explicit detail, and the humorous tone limit any sexual effect. However the image is still likely to be injurious to the public good unless its availability is restricted. Images such as this are inappropriate for children who are likely to be confused and perhaps disturbed by it. The image is likely to have appeal to teenagers and older people who appreciate its crude juvenile humour. The image is therefore restricted to teenagers and adults. This classification places a limit on the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is a reasonable limitation on that right in order to prevent injury to the public good.